

## Briefly

### Holiday memories

Maybe it was that special Christmas story Grandma related each year, or the lopsided homemade angel that smiled a crooked smile from atop the Christmas tree. Maybe it was a diamond engagement ring secretly nestled in a shoe box amid the other presents... or a miracle that could only happen at Christmas time.

Everyone has a special Christmas memory — a beloved tradition, a poignant moment, an embarrassing "blooper." The *Journal and Press-Record* asks readers to share their special Christmas memories during this holiday season. Keep them about 100 words, and readers are encouraged to submit photos.

The *Press-Record Journal* is also hoping to include Letters to Santa submitted by area children. The letters can include wish lists and reminders to Santa about good behavior.

Letters and memories entries must be received in the *Press-Record Journal* office by 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10. Send entries to Christmas Memories, Lifestyle Editor, 1815 Delmar, Granite City, IL 62040.

### Venice meeting

There will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 5 at the Venice Library. Police are urging all Venice residents interested in protecting their neighborhood to attend.

### Stadium opposed

Poes are organizing to oppose a stadium on the SIUE campus. See Page 6A.

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## Deaths

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## Lottery

Results in Illinois were:  
Nov. 24: 9-4-4; Pick 4: 6-1-2-2  
Nov. 23: 3-1-4; Pick 4: 3-3-4-0  
Little Lotto Game  
06: 15-19-26-31  
Nov. 22: 6-8-8; Pick 4: 3-1-3-7  
Nov. 21: 4-1-4; Pick 4: 3-3-4-3  
Lotto Game  
14-27-34-41-44-51  
One player matched all six numbers for an estimated jackpot of \$19 million.  
194 matched 5, for \$2,000.  
9,514 matched 4, for \$77.

## 75 years ago

Nov. 26, 1917  
Granite City is assured of a YMCA building as all preliminary plans for erection of the building have been completed, and construction is expected to begin in the spring. Financing has been assured through cooperation of local industry, which will donate \$100,000.

## Trivia

What is the only location in Granite City where four wards converge?

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# City compromises on road plan

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

You can fight City Hall. Residents of Pontoon Road between Nameoki Road and Wabash Avenue have convinced city leaders to abandon Pontoon Road improvement plans that the residents say would have disrupted their lives and greatly diminished their property values.

Instead of going ahead with a proposed widening of Pontoon Road that would have taken as much as half of some resi-

denial yards in the area, city leaders have adopted a compromise plan that seems to be agreeable to residents, city officials and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

When the initial proposal to widen the road went to a public hearing, none of the area residents attended.

Brad Cross, of the 1600 block of Pontoon Road, said he was shocked when he received a certified letter last month stating that about 400 square feet of his front yard would be taken for the road improvement project.

"This house has been in my family since 1951, and they were talking about taking half of my front yard. I just couldn't sit by and let that happen without doing something," Cross said.

After reading the letter from project engineer Joe Juneau, of Juneau and Associates, Cross went into action.

After speaking with other area residents and finding that they were just as upset as he was, Cross helped form the Nameoki Neighborhood Association.

He researched recent road projects in other parts of the city, talked to IDOT

engineers and then invited Juneau and city officials to a meeting last week to discuss the concerns.

The result is a new plan which is apparently acceptable to all parties involved.

Juneau, Mayor Von Dee Cruse and Aldermen Dan Partney, Jeff Worthen and Sandy Crites presented the revised plan to relieve area residents at a neighborhood association meeting Monday night.

The new plan calls for widening the present two-lane road but totals only 40

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(Staff photo by PAM DOPKE-HURD)

**Hearty holiday meal** — Judy White, left, hands Martha Boyles a plate to be filled with turkey at the Granite City Four Square Church's annual free Thanksgiving dinner, where the church fed more than 500 people. Church members prepared 52 turkeys with all the trimmings and served the food.

# School district tax rate to fall

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

The Granite City School District is proposing to increase its property tax levy by about a half-million dollars next year, but the school tax rate is expected to drop slightly.

The School Board is considering a 1992 tax levy of \$13,043,092 based on a projected overall school tax rate of \$4.13 per \$100 of assessed valuation and a 5 percent expected increase in the

total assessed value of real estate property in the district.

The actual tax rate for collection in 1993 will be set by Madison County Clerk Evelyn Bowles based on the amount levied by the board and the 1992 assessment total, which is not yet determined.

Board member Monroe Worthen said that, although the rate to taxpayers would not increase, the new levy would still represent a tax hike of about \$580,000.

"Our citizens are going through some tough times and I think we should be cutting taxes, not raising them," Worthen said.

Worthen was the lone dissenting vote on the levy.

Property taxes of \$12,463,436 were levied for the district in the 1991 tax year for 1992 collection, based on a tax rate of \$4.1433 per \$100 of valuation.

In September, the board approved a \$35,229,956 budget with a \$189,785 deficit based on a new tax levy then projected at \$12,272,662.

The actual 1992 tax levy is expected to provide enough revenue to balance the budget, aided by an overall assessment rise, with rates steady or down slightly, according to Norm Owca, director of finance.

Owca said he agreed that the district owes it to the citizens to hold the line on individual taxes, but said the district should take advantage of the tax revenue available from newly constructed properties, properties no longer in enterprise zones, and properties with higher assessments.

"We don't control these things, but they're there, and I think it is in the best interest of the district to collect the revenue," Owca said.

A public hearing prior to final (See SCHOOL, Page 2A)

# Firm may study city operations

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

The Granite City Council wants more information before hiring a professional, independent consultant to analyze the city's operations.

The City Council deferred action on an ordinance Tuesday night which would authorize the mayor to hire Melville Public Advisors to provide a detailed analysis of city operations and to make recommendations on how the city can be run more efficiently.

While every alderman said he was in favor of the proposal in principle, there were many questions about the timing of the issue and exactly how the study would be handled.

Mayor Von Dee Cruse said the idea was initially proposed two years ago by a group of area business leaders interested in improving government efficiency.

Attorney Leo Konzen of Granite City, speaking for the business consortium Tuesday night, said the group is willing to pay \$15,000 of the \$31,500 fee to hire

Melville. But, he said, the business leaders also want to be included, along with city officials, in a review of Melville's proposals before a final draft is submitted to the entire City Council.

Any operational changes that would be implemented would be entirely at the discretion of the mayor and the aldermen, Konzen said.

The study would take three to four months to complete.

Alderman Jeff Worthen said he would like to meet with Melville before taking any action. He questioned the timing of the proposal, with the results to be released just prior to a city-wide election.

"I don't want to see an Alderman's Office of the Chamber (of Commerce) influence this audit," Worthen said.

Alderman Sandy Crites asked about the selection process for the committee to review the (See STUDY, Page 2A)

# Mayor returns in good spirits

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Granite City Mayor Von Dee Cruse returned to work last week.

Cruse, who suffered a stroke Nov. 1, was in good spirits and appeared to be back to his old form Monday night at a neighborhood association meeting in the Nameoki area and at a City Council meeting Tuesday night.

While the mayor looked healthy and fit, his speech was slightly affected by the stroke. He said he is taking speech therapy to correct a minor problem.

"I feel fine. I have a little trouble talking... people tell me 'it's about time'."

Cruse said he underwent an extensive battery of tests during his hospital stay, but that the

results never determined what caused the stroke.

"I did find out my heart is in No. 1 condition for a 39-year-old person. So I'm good for another 39 years," he told the City Council.

He was asked if the clean bill of health had altered his decision not to seek re-election.

"I haven't changed my mind — yet," he responded.

He said he had an opportunity to watch the City Council meetings on the community accessible television station while he was away from work.

"And I came back anyway," he said.

# Candid-camera arrest

## Video equipment to aid police

By Martin Richter  
and Mike Myers  
Staff writers

The Granite City Police Department is among area police departments that will now be shooting drunk drivers, thanks to the Madison County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Police officers here and in Collinsville, Troy, Wood River and the Madison County Sheriff's Department will be aiming video cameras, not guns, at the drivers. MADD presented each department with a camera and tiny video monitor at a dinner on Sunday night.

Carolyn Deardouff, president of Madison County MADD, said the group spent more than \$8,000 on the five video cameras. Money came from local fund raisers, regular quarterly payments from MADD of Illinois and a \$500 donation from Olin Corp. in East Alton.

"We talked to other chapters who had had good success with these things," she said. "There's no misremembering what happened."

While Knight said new technology may scare some departments, he said he is in

deterrent to people tying up the court system," she said. "It will enhance their arrests — they'll have evidence to back them up."

Granite City Police Chief Don Knight said his department has already been using a video camera in his DUI unit and is "thrilled" to have another one.

"It will be put to immediate use," Knight said. "If I could afford it, I'd have a video camera in every car. I think it is the thing of the future."

Knight said the camera gives the department "real live pictures" of an arrest, especially an arrest for driving under the influence. The actions of the driver, the field sobriety tests and the attitude and speech of the arrested person are all there. "In living color," Knight said.

"In court, you can see what the officer sees," he said. "There's no misremembering what happened."

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(Staff photo by PAM DOPKE-HURD)  
Eagle Scout Larry Wiegiand Jr. with a food bag.

# Families, Scouts fill food pantries

The local "Scouting for Food" effort last week was apparently a success.

John Millican, program director for the Trails West Council of Boy Scouts of America, said about 115,000 cans of food were collected door-to-door council-wide and distributed to local food pantries to help needy families.

The Trails West Council serves Madison, Greene, Jersey and Calhoun counties and parts of Bond and Macoupin counties. About 4,000 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Webelos and Explorers throughout the council participated in the food-gathering effort.

"From all indications, food pantries are up over last year," Millican said. "Scouts from throughout the council distributed empty bags to area homes Nov. 14 and then collected the bags, filled with canned goods, last weekend."







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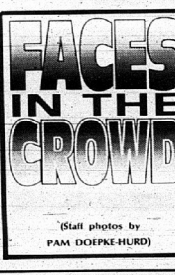
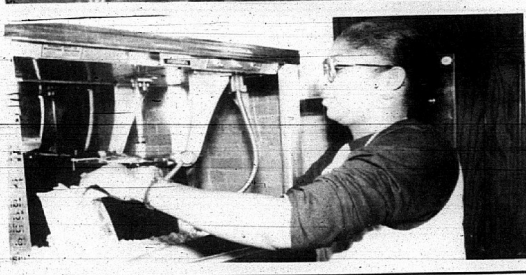
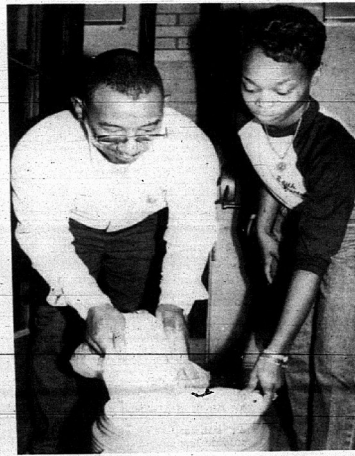
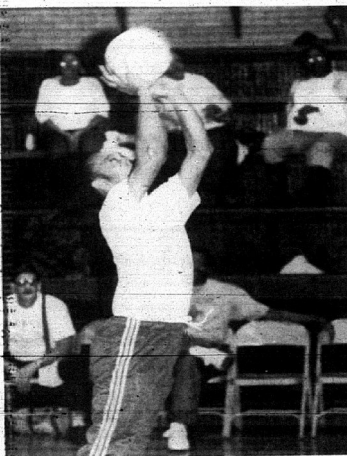
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**Challenge** — The Venice PTA challenged the Venice School faculty to a volleyball game on Nov. 13 as a fund raiser. In top photo, the PTA team celebrates its first win (before losing three out of five games to the teachers). In middle left photo, School Board President Wilbur Glasper returns the ball during a game. In middle right photo, PTA members Carmel Chavis, left, and Edith Burton ice down sodas. Below, PTA and School Board member Janet Wiley makes popcorn for hungry fans.



## 'Santa' bus offers free rides

Beginning Monday, and continuing through Christmas Day, bus riders will be in for a special treat — a free ride, if they board the specially decorated "Santa" bus. Passengers will recognize the bus by the Christmas decals and red bow wrapped around it.

Missouri and Illinois customers will have the opportunity to board a "Santa" bus. The decorated bus will be randomly placed on routes throughout the area, Bi-State said.

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## SIUE seeking only small state funding increase

SPRINGFIELD — Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has requested the smallest budget increase of any state university for next school year.

"We're trying to be responsive within the state budget situation," said SIUE President Earl Lazerson, in explaining the request for virtually no increase in state general revenue funds for next fiscal year.

SIUE and the other state universities have traditionally submitted budget requests higher than they realistically expected to get, with reductions then made by the state Board of Higher Education, the Legislature and the governor.

SIUE is seeking only a \$71,500 increase in its operating budget next year, or 0.1 percent, from \$66,590,000 to \$66,962,000. The only proposed increases are for library materials. SIUE is not requesting any money for salary increases or additional programs this time around.

The sister campus of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is also proposing a virtually flat budget for next year. SIU Chancellor James Brown said the system's budget planning this year was "in recognition of the current financial

constraints facing state government in general and higher education in particular."

However, other state universities were not as restrained, proposing budget increases ranging from 3.5 percent to 8.5 percent.

The other state university systems also asked for more money for salary increases, ranging from 3.5 percent to 6 percent.

Lazerson noted he has proposed an additional 3.5 percent tuition increase for next school year as part of a four-year financial plan, but the income will only be used for library materials, computer equipment and laboratory equipment.

In a separate budget request, SIUE is requesting \$30.2 million in construction projects, in a request submitted to the Board of Higher Education for review.

Lazerson said the top priority was the \$19.2 million sought for construction of a new engineering school building. However, he conceded it was unlikely to be approved for next year.

The other state universities are for various remodeling and renovation projects on existing campus buildings.

From the Alton Telegraph

## 3 BAC officials get pay hikes

Three Belleville Area College administrators will receive \$2,000 annual pay raises to bring them up to par with other college officials.

Larry Friederich, Valerie Thaxton and Ted Lewis will receive the \$2,000 increases on top of a \$1,184 pay raise already awarded to 73 college administrators and supervisors.

The board voted 6-1 last Wednesday night's board meeting to approve the raises. Trustee Ted Farmer cast the only vote against the raises.

Friederich's position as director of personnel was upgraded to vice president of human resources and organizational development.

"He will still serve as personnel director but he will be taking on additional responsibilities as well," said Joe Cipfl, college president.

Friederich will be in charge of payroll and personnel, reviewing and coordinating changes in board policy, government relations, instructional research, managing the college's data processing and telephone systems and preparing for the possible takeover of State Community College in East St. Louis.

He will now earn \$27,975. "The addition of all these responsibilities is the impact of a growing school," Cipfl said.

Thaxton, vice president of community services, will earn \$61,984. Lewis, vice president for student development, will earn \$50,184.

Cipfl said the increase would make their salaries comparable with other college senior vice presidents.

## Senate OKs late-pay penalty

SPRINGFIELD — The Senate has endorsed changes made by Gov. Jim Edgar to a measure penalizing the state for paying bills late.

Senators voted 56-1 last week to accept Edgar's amendatory-veto changes to legislation that would have created automatic interest penalties if the state didn't pay a bill within 30 days.

Edgar's changes, which will become law if the House follows the Senate action, included making the interest effective after 60 days and reducing the interest penalty from 14 percent to 1 percent a month.

Under another change by Edgar, the interest would only be automatic if at least \$50 was due.

Under current law, vendors can submit interest claims for 2 percent a month but must meet rigid qualifications.

The Senate Nov. 17 narrowly failed to approve Edgar's changes to a bill permitting businesses people to vote.

Some senators said it didn't have enough safeguards against vote fraud, while others said it was too restrictive.

The Senate reversed course the next day and went along with the changes. Edgar suggested on voting by the houseless if they have a mailing address, such as a shelter. Edgar's changes include barring directors of shelters from being voter registrars. It now goes to the House.

## School gets \$1,000 grant

Metro-East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville recently received a \$1,000 New Connections grant from the Lutheran Brotherhood Foundation.

The New Connections grant will be used for scholarships for minority students.

Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal benefit society, offers life and health insurance, annuities and investment products to Lutherans nationwide.

The Lutheran Brotherhood Foundation provides financial support for creative projects which address Lutheran minority ministry, rural ministry, church growth and wellness.

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# Opinion

## Editorials

### Talk is cheap

It is difficult sometimes to express an opinion on the topics of the day. We are often afraid to appear hypocritical or maybe offend someone accidentally.

But when that topic is curbing crime, few are reluctant to say that more needs to be accomplished. This, however, is a situation where actions speak louder than words.

Additional patrols on the streets, more and upgraded equipment, increased cooperation among law enforcement agencies appear easy fixes, but can only go so far, and also cost more money. People willing to part with more of their hard-earned income are harder to come by than those looking for tighter controls on criminal activity.

The Granite City Police Department has implemented a system that will allow those concerned about crime in their neighborhoods to put their mouths where their money would be. A toll-free crime tips line is available 24 hours a day.

The system has been used in the past when the department was looking for information on specific crimes, but now is available for reporting any suspected criminal activity.

The telephone answering machine will allow callers to leave anonymous tips, but will also offer the opportunity for residents to be called back by a detective for more details. In the past, people with information had to go to the police station and fill out a report.

There are drawbacks to a system which pits neighbor against neighbor and allows accusations without identification. But like mighty oaks from tiny acorns, small suspicions can lead to answers in large investigations and may keep tiny weeds from turning into mighty large, overgrown fields.

The 1-800-247-TIPS (8277) recorder will probably yield quite a few useless leads and will carry its share of petty neighborhood squabbles, but most will agree that any reduction in criminal activity is a positive outcome.

### Read a book

A public service advertisement for the Literacy Council in the 1960s showed a photograph of a soldier reading a Dr. Fu Manchu paperback. The copy read, "It's not Shakespeare, but at least he's reading."

Society has changed in the last 30 years and today, one would imagine, the photo would show the soldier with a Where's Waldo book — "It's not Dr. Fu Manchu, but at least it's a book."

Are we being too pessimistic? Recent studies cited by the Literacy Council indicate that nearly three-quarters of the adults in America did not read a single book last year. According to those studies, in the last year more than half of the households in America did not purchase a book of any kind.

Should we care? After all, in this age of radio, television, mass media, audio and video tapes and computers, we get all the entertainment and information we really need without them, don't we? Aren't books really a thing of the past?

Real human progress only began after the development of a written language. Without accumulated knowledge, every child would have to rediscover fire, the wheel, mathematics, physics, philosophy and morals. Instead, because books give us a repository of the accumulated wisdom and experience of humanity, we start, even as children, with a base of knowledge built upon a thousand generations of thinkers.

Manipulation of that accumulated knowledge has been used to oppress people throughout history. Despotism from Babylon's Nebuchadnezzar to Hitler and the Third Reich have burned books in an attempt to limit the availability of knowledge. The slave-owners of the American South, as had colonial powers throughout history, used illiteracy as a means to keep a race of people subservient.

Those evils have been defeated, but by forsaking books for information filtered through electronic media, we have succeeded where they failed — we have concentrated knowledge in the hands of a powerful few who can dispense it as they choose.

Even though we have no reason to believe, at this moment, that the media have any evil design in the way information is released, there is no doubt that the filtered information, like filtered water, is sterile and bland.

"Romeo and Juliet" has inspired millions of young lovers, but where is the inspiration in as it would be reported on the News at Six. "Two teenage lovers commit suicide after their families attempt to end their relationship?" Instead of a challenge to dare to dream, "Don Quixote" would become "an old man goes on imaginary quests, fights imaginary battles against imaginary enemies, and dies in bed."

On the big screen, "Bright Lights, Big City" became "a magazine writer loses his job after hanging out nightly in discotheques" and "Less Than Zero" was diminished to "a college student spends Christmas vacation chasing drugs, sex and rock 'n' roll."

These are factual summaries, but they are not true summaries. They are unfair, not only to the authors, but to everyone they cheat out of the experience and inspiration available in these books.

We are the sum of our experiences. By reading, we have the opportunity to live, in safety, the wide range of experiences of the great characters of literature. Conversely, by not reading we cheat ourselves out of those experiences, and remain as dull, flat and one-dimensional as the evening news.

Anyone who reads even one book, even if it is a Harlequin romance and even if it takes all year, will be better for the experience. Books provide respect for the past, understanding of the present and a vision for the future. If everyone reads just one book next year, the whole community will be better.

New books are not that expensive, used books are a quarter at yard sales, and the local libraries have thousands of books you can borrow. So we say, read a book. No excuses accepted.

### Drive to help retarded was success

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Council 1098, Granite City Knights of Columbus, thanks the merchants and organizations from Granite City, Madison and Venice who helped make our annual drive for the mentally retarded a success.

Among those we wish to thank are National Food Store, Schnuck's, Wal-Mart, K Mart, the Magnus Bank and Central Bank for allowing our members to collect at their lots. Also, the Press-Record and the Journal for the publicity they gave us.

We thank our members who mowed the road blocks at 27th Street and Madison Avenue, Maryville and Pontoon roads, and Pontoon and Route 111 for a job well done.

RUDY HOFER  
Knights of Columbus  
publicity chairman



## Nuns' deaths show need to end Liberian war

(By U.S. Sen. Paul Simon)

The five nuns from Illinois who were slain recently in Liberia were heroines.

Serving in a nation desperate for food, health and education — a nation ravaged by a senseless civil war — the nuns provided assistance at the risk of their own lives.

I am sure that by their dedication and selflessness, the mother house for their order in Roma, Ill., should take great pride in what they did, even as they grieve the tragic loss.

But we should do more than mourn their senseless deaths. Liberia is an African nation founded by former slaves from the United States.

It is the one nation in Africa in which — in theory — the United States — more influence than any other.

On a per capita basis, the United States has provided more aid to Liberia over the years than any other nation in Africa.

Unfortunately, we have not

### Our guest

always used our influence wisely. When a military dictatorship under Samuel Doe took over the nation, we continued to supply aid and arms and did not take a strong stand for democracy and the rights of the people.

The dictatorship eventually fell apart, but so did the country, into warring factions.

Sen. Charles Robb of Virginia and I were in Liberia in August of last year and met with the two major leaders of that civil war.

First we met with Amos Sawyer, the leader of the government in Monrovia, the capital city.

And then we went through literally 12 checkpoints to get to the leader of the opposition, Charles Taylor, who controls most of the rest of the country.

Both sides, in theory, agreed to a vote of the people of Liberia to select a government.

But it is impossible in two armed camps to have debates and free elections. How do you provide security?

Neighboring countries, particularly Nigeria, have offered help and have provided some stability, but it is limited, as the families of the five nuns know.

I asked Amos Sawyer, the leader in Monrovia, this question. If a free election would be worked out in the Ivory Coast, would Sawyer recognize the results and let Taylor lead?

He said he would.

Sen. Robb and I talked with both men about meeting to peacefully reach an agreement. Thanks to the work of U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Herman Cohen, that happened, and a tentative agreement was worked out in the Ivory Coast.

Unfortunately, that agreement fell apart, and now innocent people on both sides are being

slaughtered once again.

I discussed the Liberian situation a few days ago with Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, urging that the United Nations be brought in, to bring about stability and a free election.

He is sympathetic to that approach.

I also called a meeting in my office with representatives of both sides; they both have lawyers in Washington, a strange part of running a civil war anywhere in the world these days.

In addition to the lawyers, the minister of justice for Amos Sawyer joined our discussion.

I told them that, if the current bloodshed continues, everyone in Liberia will lose.

What impact our meeting will have, if any, is hard to know. I hope it can move things forward constructively.

But I know that the finest tribute we could pay to the five slain nuns is to somehow bring a halt to the fighting and give the people of Liberia stability and opportunity.

## Inventory shows thankfulness for friends, family, shelter, health, joy

Carol Clarkin writes a weekly Edwardsville Journal column.

Thanksgiving is a time to admit that the poet W.E. Henley was not quite on base when he wrote that he was the "master of my fate, the captain of my soul." Only partially true, we acknowledge: none of us are complete; control of the tragedy-or-joy which has entered our lives during the year.

This day is inventory time. How's our health, and that of those we love?

Do we have people to love, family and friends? And do they reciprocate that affection? Is there food on our table and a roof over our heads? There are far too many who no longer have those things, and some who never had them.

These are the basics, the things for which we're grateful and give thanks on this annual holiday; things which we recognize are not entirely of our own doing.

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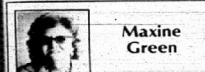
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# Lifestyle

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## Avon honors associates at luncheon



Maxine Green

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Avon's annual President Luncheon for President's Club members and Honor Society members in District 019 was held Wednesday in the Holiday Inn in Collinsville. District managers from all five districts had compiled a video of representatives from their district as they had received various awards through the years.

The awards presented to 019 representatives were Spirit of Avon to Rosa Lux, best new performer, Wanda Gibson; two Gold Albees to Chloe Denny for top sales and top increase; Silver Albee and a plaque to Patty Miles for being number two in the entire Gateway Division for recruiting new representatives; Silver Albees were awarded to Elaine Station for number two and Lois Hoy for number three in sales increase; Sandra Hamilton for number two and Cora Nance for number three in sales.

Cora Nance also received a Silver Albee for being number two Eleanor White for being number three in recruiting in district 019. Those attending from district 019 were Gertrude Ashford, Myrtle Chastain, Golda Clark, Gloria Clark, Clarine Duggin, Beverly Davis, Chloe Denny, Rosalia Doolen, Audrey Friehorn, Wanda Gibson, Carol Gland, Maxine Green, Nora Haller, Sandra Hamilton, Karen Hunter, Lois Hoy, Bonnie Hunter, Donna Johnson, Julia Lotzy, Rosa Lux, Debbie McLeroy, Edna McKee, Patricia Miles, Mary Miller, Tommie Myers, Cora Nance, Nadine Papp, Winnie Pointer, Rosemary Ralston, Ruth Ray, Patricia Ruegg, Esther Schmitz, Mary Schmittling, Dee Sido, Willie Silas, Elaine Station, Michelle Strack, Karen Taylor, Gladys Templeman, Shirley Tillman, Sandra Vail, Janice Watson, Lenore Walby, Eleanor White, Freda and Joanne Huelsoetter.

The Protestant Welfare third annual Share the Vision Banquet and Auction held on Nov. 20 in the Granite City Township Hall was very successful, with 300 in attendance. A welcome was given by Lewis Trotter of the First United Presbyterian Church, Otis Woodard, director of Lutheran Outreach Center of St. Louis, presented "Brightening The Corner Where You Are." Dinner was catered by Brenda's restaurant.

Denice Wright, president of the Protestant Welfare Association, gave a talk explaining the purpose of the organization. On Dec. 31, 1953 its charter was received from the State of Illinois and in 1956 moved to 2052 Edison Ave. and remained there for 36 years. On March 13, 1992 the new facility was acquired at 1814 Cleveland Blvd.

Protestant Welfare helps the needy with food and clothing, participates in back-to-school program and is also a host site for the Come-Share program. Officers are: President Denice Wright, First Vice-President Charles Buford, Second Vice-President Maurice Selbert, Secretary Loretta Cook, Treasurer Kenneth Whittington and Building and Grounds Chairperson Babe Ameling.

Randy Moulton of Liberty, Mo., spent the weekend with his parents, Charles and Carol Moulton, and family.

Lydia Circle of Nameoki United Methodist Church held its November meeting in the home of Marie Isenburg. The lesson of "Peace of Mediation" was given by Thelma Erney.

"Hugs" was read by Dorothy Ashford. The "Hanging of the Greens" will be Saturday beginning at 4 p.m. Support Group will have a party on Monday for the church members in University Manor. Next month's meeting will be Dec. 17 in a local restaurant. Those enjoying the afternoon were Thelma Erney, Louise Holton, Millie Clements, Dorothy Ashford, Mary Bailey, Marie Long, Ruby Gundersen, Pat Baumberger, Marie Isenburg and one guest, Irene Key.



(Photos by CHERYL K. FRIEDMAN) Dave Mendoza, lead vocalist for Sammy & the Snowmonkeys, performs at the DARE concert.



In L.A. lead singer Jim Murphy reaches out to youngsters gathered near the stage during Friday's concert at the Granite City High School auditorium.

## Rock bands join forces for anti-drug concert

By Cheryl K. Friedman  
Correspondent

As the curtains opened, an explosive energy surged from the auditorium stage. The fans met that energy with a similar kind of driving force.

For one night, the Granite City High School auditorium became Kiel Auditorium. Kiel, with a cause.

"Just say WHAT (to drugs)!" screamed rock group Sammy & the Snowmonkeys' lead vocalist, Dave Mendoza, who felt at home performing in the high school from which he graduated.

Without much of a pause, 300 high school students responded with a hearty, "NO!"

Two local rock bands, In L.A. and Sammy & the Snowmonkeys, joined forces with DARE Friday evening to show students how to "just say No," how to have a good time without drugs or alcohol, and to warn them of the consequences that can result from substance abuse.

Imagine someone close to you, your best friend or your boyfriend or your sister, being gone... forever," said Snowmonkeys member John Holzrum as the youngsters silenced. He then explained that the band members recently lost a friend who fell victim to drugs.

While the Snowmonkeys intermixed their party-rock style of music with a clear message to stay off drugs, In L.A. took over the stage during the second half of the concert with a fiery performance and an impression the crowd would not forget.

## DARE officials impressed with audience

By Cheryl K. Friedman  
Correspondent

The DARE concert Friday evening at Granite City High School proved to not only be a hit with the youngsters, but also with the adults present.

Officials of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program and of the Granite City School District said they were pleased with the bands that performed and the behavior of the students.

The kids were still involved and into the music, but they were not destructive," said a DARE field coordinator.

"Stay off drugs and you'll go far," said lead singer Jim Murphy to the youngsters gathered near the stage. Murphy, who is also a Granite City native, reached out and touched every hand that was within his grasp.

As he connected with the crowd, it became clear to the young adults present that it is, in fact, possible to enjoy themselves without drugs or alcohol.

"If they're up there and they're having fun and they're not on drugs, then kids think, 'Hey, that's cool,'" one audience member said. Her friend, Amy Walters, agreed.

"They're not doing drugs so nobody else will," said Walters, a high school freshman.

Kim Blurton, a 20-year-old Snowmonkeys fan, said she felt the concert would help keep youngsters off

drugs, since they tend to idolize such performers.

"I think people look up to them. It's a good influence," she said.

Although the young adults at the concert all agreed that the bands were a positive influence, many said that one concert is not enough.

"Maybe if they do this every week or once a month, it might help," said Angie Lewis, a Granite City High School senior.

"They could have different bands or different kinds of music," Lewis said, adding that giving the students something to do at a minimal cost was the key.

Concert tickets sold for \$3.50. Members of both Sammy & the Snowmonkeys and In L.A. felt that the cause was worthy.

"We are 100 percent drug-free," said the Snowmonkeys' John Holzrum. "If we

"I am really proud of this community's dedication to making it drug-free," Brinkhoff said.

He added that Joe Gregg of Crazy Horse Entertainment also deserves credit for making the concert possible, since he had to go before school officials to convince them that rock performers can have a positive influence on youngsters.

As far as the young adults present, Brinkhoff saw the same good behavior he regularly sees in area youngsters.

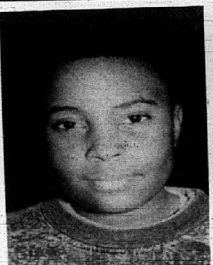
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can do anything else to convince kids it's not necessary to get drugged-out, we'd do it."

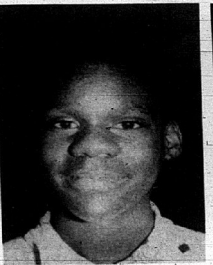
Mike Messey, drummer for In L.A., said members of that band not only want to influence youngsters to stay away from drug abuse, but also encourage them to pursue their dreams.

Since they are a local band that has recorded an album and are about to become a national band, he feels they can be a positive influence. They attribute their name to the belief that a small-town band can succeed nationally.

"Everyone thinks you have to go to L.A.," said Messey. "You don't have to be in Los Angeles to succeed. You can do something from here; you can succeed from right here."



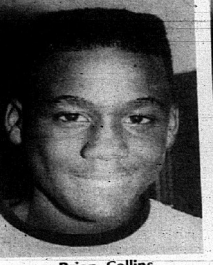
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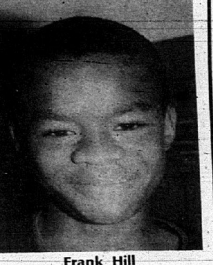
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By Pam Doeppke-Hurd

## YOUTH FOCUS: What are you most thankful for? And why?

(Asked of students at Madison Middle School, Grigsby Junior High School, and Venice Elementary School.)

**Jerry Clark, Madison**  
"To live, because I have a chance to enjoy all the things in life."

**Ronata Johnson, Madison**  
"I am thankful for my parents because they brought me into this world and helped pull me through the hard times."

**David King, Madison**  
"I am most thankful for having the ability to learn. Because I am not poor and I can afford to go to school."

**Mathew Thebeau, Madison**  
"My family. Because I love them very much."

**Daniel Stagman, Pontoon Beach**  
"I am thankful for having a house, having parents to care for me and being able to have an education. I'm most thankful for having food to eat and a bed to sleep in and being with

relatives on holidays like Thanksgiving."

**Karla Williams, Pontoon Beach**  
"This Thanksgiving, I am thankful for my friends, my family, my house, and for the day off."

**Amanda Soltani, Pontoon Beach**  
"This Thanksgiving, I am thankful for my family, my food and shelter. Many people do not have these things. I am also thankful for family and friends. A lot of people take for granted and don't appreciate what they have, but they don't realize how many people have so much less than they do and are still thankful for what they've got."

**Travis Revelle, Pontoon Beach**  
"I am thankful because I have a chance to follow my dreams."

**Katie Cooper, Pontoon Beach**  
"I am thankful for being fortunate enough to have all the things I need and want."

**Matt Hawkins, Pontoon Beach**  
"I am thankful for being with my family and getting to eat all I can eat on Thanksgiving."

**Patrick Logan, Pontoon Beach**  
"This Thanksgiving, I am thankful for a lot of things, but the best one I can think of is world peace. In this era, this topic is one of the most talked-about subjects. My parents never thought they would see in their time the unification of Germany or the fact that Russia is no longer a threat for nuclear war. This Thanksgiving, I am also hopeful for a lot of things. People in our own country need hope for a better way of life. I hope to see more people working and less people homeless, not having to worry where their next meal will come from. I would hope, too, that medical research discovers a cure for AIDS and cancer. Thanksgiving is a time to sit back and think about other people and other different things, but it is also a time to sit down and chow down."

**Keith Ingram, Venice**  
"I have a mother and father to be thankful for because they take good care of me. They buy me what I need, and teach me to have good manners. I have lots of things to be thankful for, but my mother and father are the top two."

**Debra Armstrong, Venice**  
"I am thankful because I get the weekends off from school and because I get to spend time with my family. I like school but every so often I need a break. That's why I'm thankful for Fridays. I'm thankful for my teachers because they are nice. I am also thankful to be able to go to Venice Grade School because I like it here."

**Brian Collins, Venice**  
"What I have to be thankful for is life. Without life where or what things would be, I think life is a present from God. Because he loves us so much to even give us life. That's why I have to be thankful for life more than anything in the world. I'm thankful for my mother, father and Jesus Christ."

**Frank Hill, Venice**  
"I have a lot to be thankful for (See FOCUS, Page 6A)"

**Erika Price, Venice**  
"I am most thankful for three things."

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## Statue planned to honor dead firefighters

ALTON — A benefit dance in January may help create a bronze statue and memorial garden to honor two Alton firefighters killed in an arson fire in October.

"We wanted to do something that will be around forever," Engineer Dave Sweetman, treasurer of the Alton Firefighters Welfare Fund, said.

Capt. Gary Porter, 38, a 14-year veteran of the department, and probationary firefighter Tim Lewis, 29, died Oct. 24 when the second floor of a vacant duplex collapsed and trapped them at 1414 Highland Ave.

The two men were the first fire casualties in the 112-year history of the Alton Fire Department. Porter was president of the welfare fund.

"All the money we're getting is going into the memorial fund," Sweetman said.

"We'd like to see two life-sized bronze statues of firefighters in a garden of flowers and trees, but it depends on how much money we get," he said.

The statues will be set on the front lawn of the Twichell Memorial Fire House on 20th Street and will be visible from the road, he said.

Ned Giberson, the artist who sculpted and cast the Robert Wadlow statue displayed at the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine in Alton, may be interested in doing the work, Sweetman said. He estimated the cost at \$70,000.

"We'll have to see how much money we get," he said.

Firefighters have cleared the memorial through the families of both victims.

"They were very receptive," he said. "It

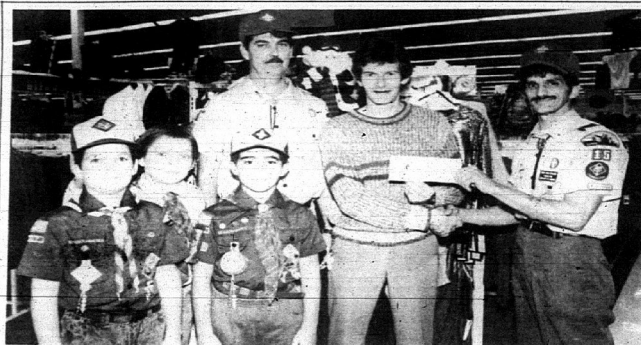
was something they would like to see."

The monument may also include a stone with the names and dates of the fallen firefighters and space for additional names if that ever becomes necessary, he said.

The first \$4,000 will come from donations to the Alton Firefighters' Memorial Fund after the fire. It has been kept separate from the reward fund set up with donations for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the arsonists.

Police on Oct. 29 charged the home's owner, Gregory Martin Sr., and his tenant, Delaney Gordon Sr., with aggravated arson, but because no tipster was used, the reward may go uncollected.

If it's not needed, firefighters may contact donors to redirect their money to the memorial fund or return it, Sweetman said.



(Staff photo by PAM DOELFE-HURD)

**Wal-Mart matches funds** — Wal-Mart recently presented a check for \$585.80 to members of Cub Scout Pack 15 for their recent fund-raising chili supper. In the back row from left are Daniel Worthen, assistant cubmaster, Bruce Brewer, store manager, and Richard Waeltermann, cubmaster. Front row from left, Daniel Worthen, Jr., Joe Freeze and Phillip Matosian. Wal-Mart matched the funds made during the fund-raiser from its Community Involvement Matching Grant Program. The program is available to civic and community tax-exempt organizations that hold a fund-raiser in conjunction with Wal-Mart. Groups may call 457-4201 for more information.

## •Focus

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like my mom and dad. My mom because she is like a good friend. But this is a different kind of friend. My mom helps me learn about things in life so does my dad. My dad wants me to learn in school; he doesn't want me to be a nobody. They are the ones I love the most; mom and dad thanks for teaching some ways of life. Keep teaching I have a lot to learn. Peace."

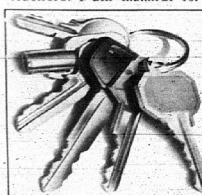
**Tamika Rutherford, Venice**  
"I am most thankful for my home, family, friends and teachers. I am thankful for

these things because they all play an important part in my life."

**Sarah Webster, Venice**  
"I am most thankful for my parents, my brother and my grandparents. They give me lots of reasons to thank them. They care for me, they cook for me, and most of all they love me and I love them too. I'm thankful because God gave me a family who cares for me and loves me. Because most kids don't have families like that. And that's what I'm most thankful for."

**Candice McIntyre, Venice**  
"I am most thankful to be alive for my parents, to have food and all the other things I need. I am thankful because I have everything I need."

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# Sports

## Division I dream

### Curry reaches big time at Northwestern

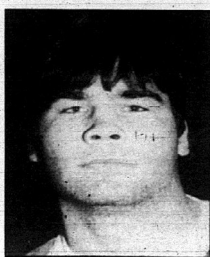
By Tony Panozzo  
Staff writer

Larry Curry's freshman season this fall at Northwestern University could be best described as one eye-opening experience after another.

In just one year, Curry, a defensive tackle, has gone from being one of the top high school linemen in the area at Granite City High School to playing Division I college football for the Wildcats against some of the country's most prominent schools. Northwestern is located in Evanston, Ill., in suburban Chicago.

"The Big Ten Conference is the big time, at," Curry is adjusting in several ways. He is 6-foot-4, 254 pounds and growing, and he is learning to live the enormity of Division I football in stride.

Curry's first college game with Northwestern took place at Soldier Field in Chicago against Notre Dame, with national tele-



Larry Curry  
NU freshman

vision on hand.

"That was a good way to start off a college career," Curry

said. "It was a great experience. It was hard to believe."

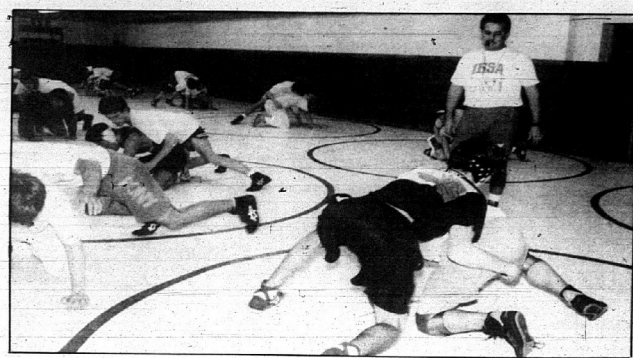
"At the beginning of the year, it's a lot different than high school. Then you kind of adjust to it."

Games at Boston College and Stanford followed — not to mention games with Ohio State and Michigan. But Curry had much more to be excited about than Northwestern's opponents.

That Curry earned a scholarship and made the roster was an achievement in itself. Then, he rose to No. 2 on the depth chart at tackle behind fifth-year senior Frank Boudreaux, one of the team's best players.

Curry played a backup role and said he received the most playing time of the year against Boston College. He went on to play in a total of nine games, and he recorded seven tackles while playing 67 downs. He was given a letter this week.

Most surprisingly, he was (See Curry, Page 3B)



Granite City wrestling coach Mike Garland watches his team go through drills. The Warriors began the season Wednesday against Carbondale.

(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

## Tickets on sale for 12th annual Shootout

Tickets for the 12th annual Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout, the premier high school event of its kind in the nation, are now on sale at numerous St. Louis area locations. The event is scheduled for Dec. 10 at the St. Louis Arena beginning at 1 p.m.

The seven-game showcase of outstanding high school teams and talent is presented again by the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of St. Louis and KMOX Radio. Co-sponsors are Clark Oil and Rawlings Sporting Goods.

This year's Shootout features the nation's top-ranked prep team, Simon Gratz of Philadelphia — a four-time defending state champion — and the



event's first-ever girls game between nationally ranked St. Joseph's Academy of St. Louis and perennial Illinois power Peutopolis.

There will be several All-American players at the Shootout, including 6-foot-11 center Rasheed Wallace of Simon Gratz, 6-5 Ronald Henderson of

Jackson (Miss.) Murphree, 6-7 Sylvester "Deuce" Ford II of Memphis (Tenn.) Fairley, 6-7 Kelly Thames of Jennings (Mo.) and 6-1 Kristin Folk of St. Joseph's Academy.

Wallace and Henderson are widely considered to be two of the top five high school seniors in the U.S. this season.

The five teams from outside the area are Simon Gratz, Fairley, Murrah, Indiana small-school power White River Valley and two-time defending state champ Chicago Proviso East. They will be joined by local teams Troy, De Soto, Jennings, Riverview Gardens, Edwardsville, East St. Louis

and Okawville.

All seven games will be part of a single-day session. Games will start every hour and a half. Tickets are reserved and priced \$10 and \$12, and they cover the entire day's activities. Spectators may come and go throughout the day, provided they keep their ticket stub and get their hand stamped in the Arena lobby.

Tickets are available at all local participating schools, all Tickets Now locations, the Arena box office and Curt Smith Sporting Goods in Belleville. Schools are permitted to keep \$1 of each ticket sold in advance through the school.

## Special Olympics bowlers capture gold

Seven area bowlers recently competed in the Illinois State Special Olympics and earned gold medals.

The bowlers are students from Region 1, which consists of schools in Granite City, Madison and Venice. The event was held Saturday at Landmark Lanes in

Peoria.

First-place winners in the singles division were Gary Briggs, Melanie Cullen, Gary Elkins, Richie Scharf, Timmy Swayear and Crystal Weiser. The doubles team of Gary Elkins and Johnathon Gratton also won gold medals.

## Golf tournament scheduled for Legacy

The Legacy Golf Course is holding its Blind Partners Tournament on Saturday.

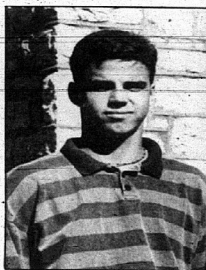
The tournament consists of an 18-hole round, and entrants may play with anyone of their choice. However, partners will not be drawn until the last group of golfers tee off, so players will not know of their partners until the round is finished. The team with the lowest better-ball score wins.

The tournament begins at 9

a.m., and the cost of \$35 will cover greens fees, cart, food and beverages. Participants will also receive a free pass for 18 holes at the course.



## Two goals a game nets record, Journal honor for St. Charles player



Gary Alsop  
55 goals

By Susan Sagarra  
Staff writer

With one swift kick, St. Charles senior soccer player Gary Alsop shattered a 27-year-old state record earlier this month.

Alsop, a forward on the Pirate soccer team, scored his 55th and final goal of the season Nov. 5 in the Class 1A-2A District 4 semifinals against Duchesne at Lindenwood College.

The goal broke a state record set by CBC's John Pisani in the 1965 season.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," Alsop said. "I have a feeling in a couple of days it will."

Alsop scored on a corner kick in the second sudden-death overtime to give the Pirates a 1-0 victory.

"I had been trying all night but I was patient," Alsop said. "It felt great when I finally did it. We all felt great. We wanted it really bad and it was very exciting. If the record has lasted that long, it will last even longer now. I think it's going to be there for a while."

Alsop originally thought that the record was 51 goals.

"St. Charles soccer coach Mike Sommerville knew what it was but wouldn't tell me. He just kept telling me to play," Alsop said. "I found out what the record was when I had 48 so I kept trying harder and harder. Coach told me it was 51 goals, so when I got my 52nd against Troy, I thought I had it."

"Then he told me it was 54 so I kept trying."

On Nov. 3, in a 9-1 first-round district victory over Troy, Alsop tied the state record with his 54th goal.

It was trying to score as many as possible against Troy."

"I really didn't expect to break a state record. This year has been very entertaining and fun."

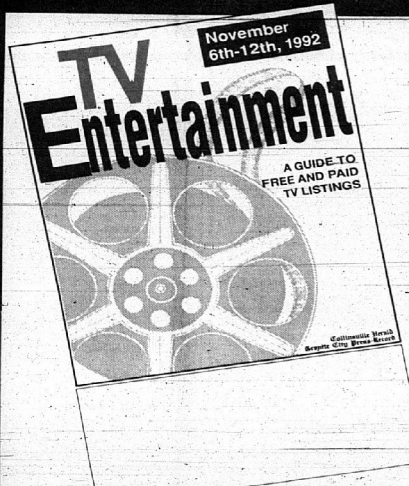
— Gary Alsop  
St. Charles soccer player

Alsop said. "But Coach Sommerville wanted me to try and break the record against Duchesne."

Alsop, who was unanimously selected by sports editors as the Journal's Athlete of the Month for October, scored in all of the Pirates' games except one this year.

A district title for the Pirates (19-3) was not to be as they went on to a 1-0 overtime defeat in the championship game Nov. 7 against St. Dominic at the St. Louis Soccer Park.

(See Alsop, Page 2B)



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## Granite Bowl

Nov. 14		Majors		Boys high series	
Bantams		Boys high series		Boys high series	
Boys high series		Robert Brooksher	294	Jeff Whistler	453
Timmy Frost	380	Mike Noble	295	Robert Hollandsworth	362
Jason Williams	297	Jason West	366	Bobby Weeks	335
Shannon Blackton	226	Brian Garrison	483	Mike Katana	342
Chauncey Silas	141			Eric Hosier	342
Boys high game		Boys high game		Boys high game	
Dwayne Clayton	137	Chris Roody	232	Joey Byrd	170
P.J. Stewart	136	Doug Griggs III	228	Gerard Finley	139
Jason Bussey	87	Daryl Harper	156	Tim Hall	129
Forrest Garro	51	Jason Jones	156	Shaun Thomas	124
Girls high series		Girls high series		Girls high series	
Kim Roody	339	Mildred Crawford	404	Becky Brown	439
Harelyn Harper	246	Darla Bauer	153	Erin Graham	341
Ashley Hilton	138			Jenny Lindsay	298
Indea Williams	104	Bump N Bowl (2 games)		Girls high game	143
Girls high game		Boys high series		Natalie Voss	126
Maria Roody	102	Derrick Williams	153	Christina Finley	94
Brandi Reynolds	85	Boys high game		Six Flags B Majors	
Fanasha Powell	60	Robert McKenzie	79	Jason West	588
Ashley Hilton	52	Jennifer Smith	181	Eric McRoberts	341
Preps		Danielle Woodverton	172	Robbie Hubert	136
J.R. Hard	425	Tracy Smith	91	Larry Finley Jr.	316
Lance Buikin	356	TaMia Williams	83	Tuesday After School	
Jeffrey Reynolds	335			Bantams (Nov. 17)	
Isaiah Shuck	316	Scratch (4 games)		Boys high series	
Boys high game		Boys high series		Christopher Hasty	326
Ricky Woodard	138	Mike Noble	930	Joshua Warren	276
Maurice Whiteside	127	Robert Brooksher Jr.	756	Sean Fortune	216
James Gardner	116	Daryl Harper	756	Steven Gracie	187
Jason Taylor	116	Derek Legate	720	Boys high game	
Girls high series		Boys high game		Michael Orender	123
Cheyenne Modgill	296	Jason West	233	Joshua Anderson	84
Brandi Huelsmann	286	Mike Schwallier	222	Talbot Gandara	72
Amber Sipes	236	Keith Hendricks	208	Evan Thomas	92
Shaneka Farrar	184	David Moore	196	Girls high series	
Kelly Rutter	121	Six Flags A Bantams		Cristal Fisher	269
Kristyl Barney	106	Boys high series		Robin Hartman	241
Jamie Williams	91	Nathan Voss	280	Ashley Jones	112
Juniors		Amanda Ecker	204	Vanessa Ross	32
Boys high series		Nicole Brown	68	Boys high series	
Joe Byrd	656	Six Flags A Preps		Justin Holland	484
Jesse Wright	518	Gregory Katana	318	Gary North	337
Buddy Fulse	472	William Kee	212	Mark Thomas	330
Adam Hard	413	Boys high game		Dustin Ross	232
Boys high game		Joey McBride	94	Boys high game	
Eric DeBoe	206	Angela Brown	270	Arthur Miller III	147
David Moore	181	Kelly Edwards	242	Matt Whitehead	130
Mike Schwallier	150	Nicole Voss	104	Jason Gracie	83
Dustin Rieger	151	Kathy McBride	96	Brian Webb	127
Girls high series		Girls high game		Girls high series	
Chermeyne Griggs	375	Six Flags B Juniors		Lindsay Miller	318
Shenita Crawford	358			Susan Barnes	117
Mesha DeBoe	351				
Annie Lyons	161				
Rendrea Boyd	115				
Tonya Jaime	98				

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After scoring 36 goals by Oct. 9, he set another goal of reaching 45.

"I really didn't expect to break a state record," Alsop said. "I set my goals low early on, but this year has been very entertaining and fun. I played harder this year."

When he is not playing soccer, Alsop also kicks for the Pirate football team. The football team, which finished 6-4, saw its play-off hopes dwindle in a 22-6 loss

at Mexico one night before the soccer team suffered its elimination.

"Losing two district games in one weekend was not fun," Alsop said. "Playing St. Dominic on a good field really got us going, though. I was ready for that. It really meant a lot to me to be playing such a good team. It was good playing against such a tough team and I'd rather lose 1-0 in overtime than lose 6-0."

And Alsop is glad Pirate coach Jim Williams asked him to come play for the football team as a

junior.

"I had a good year on football and it was fun playing with the guys," Alsop said. "I worked hard and proved a lot of people wrong because everyone said we couldn't do well."

"I'm a little exhausted, but doesn't bother me. I like to be whatever team I'm playing with and I try to give 100 percent each team."

Now that all is said and done, Alsop will play on an under-16 soccer team. He also intends to play baseball next spring.

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## Briefly

## Cloverview Garden Club meets

The October meeting of the Cloverview Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. Ray Williamson on Lynch Avenue. The response to roll call was, "Name a bird that does not migrate." The meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Williams, and there were eight members present. The Fairview Garden Club had Presidents Council Day on Oct. 22 at Fischer's Restaurant in Belleville. There was also a flower show in conjunction with the meeting. The study was given by Mrs. Williamson on Japanese flower arranging and various pictures of arrangements were passed around.

## DUV sends cards

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War-Aunt Becky Young Tent 92 met for the October 22 meeting. The meeting was opened by President Louise Brinker. Prayer was led by Florence Hildebrand and all repeated the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call and reading of the records was by Evelyn Ringering. Louise Thompson gave the treasurer's report. A get-well card was sent to Louise Brinker and a sympathy card to Peggy Gibbons. Three applications were read and signed for new members: Debrah Goodman, Christine Hornberger and Dawn Hornberger.

## Stapleton wins crown

Shannon Nicole Stapleton was crowned Overall All Star Kid at the All Star Pageant held Oct. 31 at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Shannon competed in the 7-9 age division of the pageant and was crowned queen of her age division and talent queen. In addition, Shannon won the special event category in which she modeled denim wear. Shannon's top award was being crowned Overall All Star Queen from a total of 3 age divisions ranging from 4-12. Shannon is a member of Glitter Girls, owned and operated by Rhonda Vest-Nolan. She is the daughter of Mary and Lisa Stapleton of Granite City.



Shannon Stapleton

## 13 state scholars at Marquette

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission has announced that 13 students — 16 percent of the 1993 graduating class from Marquette High School — have been named 1993-94 Illinois State Scholars. Approximately 10 percent of high school seniors are so honored each year. The students are Samuel Arnold, Ryan Brown, Gretchen Bucher, Michael Davenport, Stephen Dickinson, Elizabeth Gibbons, Mary Kienstra, Holly Phlegley, Anne Pransitis, Jennifer Romanic, Jennifer Sebold, Joanne Velakis and Jon Waggon.



Takisha Griggs

## Miss Southern Baptist is crowned

On Oct. 18, the Southern Missionary Baptist Church crowned its first Miss Southern Baptist in 34 years. She is Takisha Griggs, daughter of Martin and Janet Griggs of Venice. A ninth-grade student at Marquette High School, Alton, she enjoys computer courses, volleyball and basketball.

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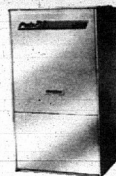
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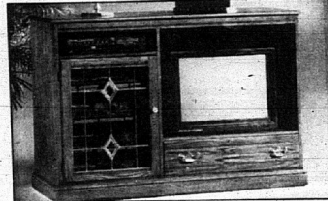


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# Gift Guide



A Guide To  
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Granite City  
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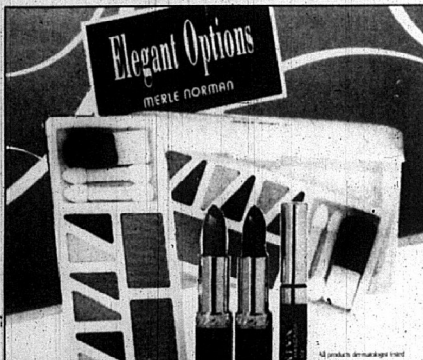
Christmas tree shopping — Tom Heck, right, and his nine-year-old son, Shawn, of Pontoon Beach shop for a Christmas tree at Schermer's Garden Shop in Madison last year.

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Holiday planning begins in earnest during Thanksgiving weekend, and the pace gets more and more hectic as the big day approaches.

Before holiday stress gets the best of you, ask other family members to take on some of the pre-Christmas responsibilities. Christmas is a family holiday...and there's every reason to enlist the help of all family members as you prepare for it.

Even younger children can help by frosting cookies, decorating the lower branches of the tree and making place mats for Christmas dinner.

Older children may enjoy taking on the role of "Santa's helper"...carrying packages on holiday shopping trips, putting up the outdoor decorations or babysitting younger siblings while you're busy with other projects.

When you delegate these tasks, you have to realize that they won't always be done exactly as you would have done them. That's OK. Your 12-year-old

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child will probably take a great deal of pride in setting the table for Christmas dinner. And if the coffee cups are where the wine glasses should go, what's the harm?

# GIFTS

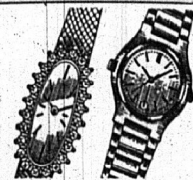
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## Less

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The Christmas season is here, and toy companies are gearing up for the advertising push.

In just one Saturday of TV viewing, children more than 100 countries aimed at them — parents' pocketbooks. At this time of children begin collecting, while young wear out the car, tell Mom or Dad, toy Santa just has parents, it's some us to help them expectations about holidays bring.

On the one hand, toys are important; they help them grow and are owned by the child. On the other hand, many parents feel by the hard-sell ads. They know the child's expectations can't be met, but they find "no" to the young.

Planning and to children can help of these problems.

Observe your child with them about before buying presents can remember when we were bit disappointed because our dreams didn't. Too often, we dis because we've far time to think about are really interesting.

It's equally important to discuss with children can realistically expect Christmas. Perhaps one or two toys the child should receive may limit toys you provide are less likely to if they know ahead.

## Free tree to be av

Free tie-on to tree vendors with this year from Against Impaired the Illinois Traffic ers.

One side of the "Drive Smart/Drive Safe" campaign is to keep the reverse side of the left blank for the.

This is the sixth year tags have been the first time they joined in the distribution.

The tags are being distributed by the Illinois National Driving Prevention Fund. Observance this month of December.

"This project is Illinois to call a problem of drinking," said Judi president.

Tags for the M Area may be ordering Jill Heuchert Care, 345-3300.

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better than seltzers or antacids to relieve the bloated feelings

Children also may be fairly inactive during the holidays.

## A good



# A good book can outlast the holidays

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

With the gift of a book, holiday shoppers can give a present that will last beyond the holiday season.

"A book can stretch someone's horizons — it can take them into other lands or other times," said Andi Romick-Allen, owner of Piece of Mind Books in Edwardsville.

Another plus for books as gifts is that they won't be the wrong color or the wrong size, Romick-Allen said.

Romick-Allen said the giver should take time to pick out a book that will appeal to the receiver. Below is a list of gift ideas from a variety of literary categories and in a wide spectrum of price ranges:

## HUMOR

- ✓ "The Indispensable Calvin and Hobbes" — \$12.95.
- ✓ "Cows of Our Planets," the latest from cartoonist Gary Larson — \$8.95.
- ✓ "Farmer Johnson's Psycho Dairy Farm," a different look at life on the farm by Steve Phillips — \$8.
- ✓ "Grandchildren Are So Much Fun I Should Have Had Them First," by Lois Wyse — \$14.
- ✓ "Dave Barry Does Japan," — \$18.
- ✓ "The Erma Bombeck 1993 Calendar," — \$6.95.

## REFERENCE

- ✓ "Bartlett's Familiar Quotations," 16th edition — \$40.
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- ✓ "The Creators," a history of artists and inventors by Daniel Boorstein — \$30.
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- ✓ "Earth in the Balance," Sen. Al Gore's look at the environment — \$23.95.
- ✓ "Creating Love," a new installment from inner child author John Bradshaw — \$23.
- ✓ "The Right Kind of Heroes," the story of Coach Bob Shannon and the East St. Louis Flyers by columnist Kevin Horrigan — \$18.95.
- ✓ "It Doesn't Take a Hero," by retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf — \$25.
- ✓ **CHILDREN'S**
- ✓ "The Glow-in-the-Dark Book of Animal Skeletons" — \$14.
- ✓ "The James Herriot Treasury for Children," features all eight of the veterinarian's illustrated children's books — \$18.
- ✓ "The Stinky Cheese Man," features a reworking of popular fairy tales, by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith — \$16.95.
- ✓ "Incredible Cross Sections,"

shows what's inside a castle, helicopter, ocean liner and other items — \$20.

## CHRISTMAS

- ✓ "Victoria Magazine's Heart of Christmas" — \$20.
- ✓ "Martha Stewart's Christmas" — \$24.95.
- ✓ "76 Ways to Get Organized for Christmas" — \$3.99.
- ✓ "Shari Lewis' One Minute Christmas Stories" — \$7.95.
- ✓ "Bah Humbug, 101 Great Reasons to Hate the Holidays" — \$7.

For stocking stuffers, Romick-Allen suggests Dover Softback Classics. Selling for \$1 each, the collection features books for children and works from Shakespeare, Edgar Allan Poe, Robert Louis Stevenson and stories of Sherlock Holmes.

Romick-Allen opened Piece of Mind Books, located at 230 S. Buchanan St. in Edwardsville, last year. Holiday hours at the store are: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, except Tuesday and Thursday when the store is open until 8

## GIFT GUIDE

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(Staff photo by NICOLE VAUGHN)

Andi Romick-Allen, owner of Piece of Mind Books, with some Christmas gift ideas. p.m., and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The phone number is 656-7277.

## Take precautions to keep holiday safe one for children

The holiday season is here and for many people toy buying is well under way.

Naturally, we would like our children to have a happy holiday, but they also need a safe one. This means that the toys that we buy for children should not only be fun to play with, but also should not hurt them.

In 1989, 148,000 toy related injuries were treated in hospital emergency rooms. Fifty percent of the victims were under 5 years of age, and two-thirds of the victims were males. Most of the injuries were minor, with cuts and bruises accounting for almost two-thirds of the injuries.

Play is a natural activity for every young child. Play provides many opportunities for children to learn and grow physically, mentally and socially. If play is the child's work then toys are the child's tools, and appropriate toys can help children do their work well.

A parent or friend choosing a toy for a child must consider several things. A good toy should be:

- ✓ appealing and interesting to the child;
- ✓ suited to the child's physical capabilities;
- ✓ suited to the child's mental and social development.

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# Take care when giving edible Christmas presents

(The following column is provided by the University of Illinois Extension Service.) It's Christmas at last. You unwrap a shiny present only to discover that the gift is a package of meat and cheese with the label clearly marked, "Keep refrigerated."

Is it safe to eat?

A package of game meat or sausage that is labeled "refrigerate" would not be safe if the package has been sitting under the Christmas tree for days. This label is a warning that all the bacteria has not been inhibited or destroyed.

Refrigeration is necessary to keep the food safe to eat.

Many believe that smoked meats such as turkeys and hams are safe left unrefrigerated, but this just isn't so. Meats are smoked for flavor, not for food preservation.

Refrigeration keeps the meat at a safe temperature in which bacteria will not multiply.

Country hams, however, are an exception. These products have a high salt low moisture content.

Thus, country hams are safe at room temperature.

To determine if gift foods are safe, consider the method of processing.

Some canned meat products are heated to 250 degrees, just like vegetables and other canned goods. The high temperature effectively sterilizes the meat so it is shelf-safe.

But some canned hams receive only a mild heat treatment

during processing and, therefore, are not sterile. They must be kept refrigerated.

Vacuum packaging limits the growth of spoilage bacteria, but encourages other dangerous organisms, such as Clostridium botulinum, to grow.

Vacuum-packed steaks are just as perishable as raw chicken and should be handled in a similar manner.

Some sausages and cheese are shelf-stable and don't need to be refrigerated. This is due to the

processing methods — brining and drying.

Additives are sometimes used to prevent spoilage, protect the flavor and help prevent food-borne illnesses.

For guidance on determining the safety of food gifts, consider these U.S. Department of Agriculture Guidelines.

✓ Cans or jars of meat — Refrigerate if so labeled, otherwise, shelf-stable two to five years. After opening, store

in refrigerator up to one week

✓ Cheese, processed or hard — Safe at room temperature, but refrigeration prolongs the quality.

✓ "Cook-before-eating" ham — Refrigerate up to one week. After cooking, refrigerate up to five days.

✓ Country ham — Shelf-stable for one year if unsliced. Refrigerate two to three months if sliced. Once cooked,

refrigerate five to seven days.

✓ Game birds — Keep refrigerated up to two days raw or four days after cooking.

✓ Sausage labeled "Keep Refrigerated" — Store refrigerated up to one week.

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# Childhood memories of a different kind of world

By Alene Hill  
Correspondent

For many senior citizens, Christmas memories are childhood recollections of tough economic times when families, out of necessity, became resourceful and imaginative to continue tradition.

It was a time when cranberries, popcorn and buttons were strung for garlands, and pine cones, gum balls and bittersweet were collected for decorations.

Residents of the Woodland Apartments Retirement Community in Collinsville have just such memories.

Dorothy Henderson remembered sugar rationing during the war when stamp books were used and sorghum had to be added to tea.

"We were lucky when we got a pack of peppermint sticks and fruit," she remembered. "And sometimes I would get a doll — they had heads made from china. They were usually broken by the end of the day."

Rachel Pinion's family traditionally decorated the Christmas tree and sang carols on Christmas Eve. And she received a big coconut in her stocking every year.

"You know, I worked at Famous Barr for 18 years and they would put up the lights and begin playing the carols after Thanksgiving. Now it's so early ... you finally are sick of the decorations and the music," she added.

Margaret Ax recalls a visit from St. Nicholas before Christmas — when he left an orange on the table. She recalls church on Christmas Eve and family dinner on Christmas Day.

"We had to hang our stockings on door knobs and chairs. And, there was always a hole in those stockings, and the nuts we got would stick out the end," she mused.

Jean N. Busch, the daughter of dairy farmers, reminisces about visits to her grandparents' home before Christmas and popping popcorn at the fireplace in a wire basket hung on a broom handle.

"We always picked out the biggest grains of popcorn to string along with cranberries," she said.

But her fondest memories were of her grandfather, who one Christmas surprised her grandmother with some hand-made ornaments he had crafted himself from hickory nuts painted green and chinaberries gathered from her native Arkansas.

Though Gladys Bauer's family did not have a tree at home, the family enjoyed the decorated tree at the church, where Santa visited, handing out peppermint sticks, apples and oranges.

"Everything revolved around the church, every holiday," she explained about her Tennessee traditions. "When I think about Christmas, I think about being a little kid in church."

"I remember when candles

were for lights on Christmas trees and you had to be careful they didn't start a fire. There were lots of fires then," recalled Pete Poletti, a visitor at the apartments.

"When I'd go hunting in the fall, I always had to bring back the bittersweet."

Phoebe Wright's family visited the neighbors on Christmas Eve. That visit just happened to coincide with a visit from Santa to her own house.

"My dad could never go with us right away. We'd go down to visit, spend the evening ... and walk home. When we'd get near home, we'd hear the dog barking in the backyard and my mother would say, 'Do you reckon he's chasing Santa Claus?' And when we'd get home, he had been there."

Pearl Bilyeu summed it all up:

"I think we enjoyed the spirit of Christmas and togetherness, and it was the hard times made us all closer."



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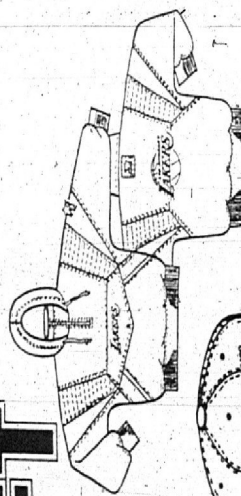
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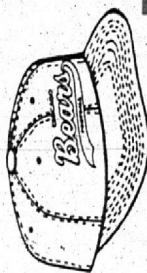
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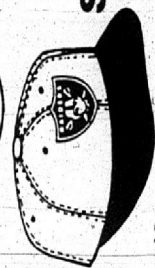


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## Fresh-cut Christmas tree can add meaning to holiday celebration

By Margaret Duncan  
Correspondent

Looking for the real feelings and traditions of Christmas? One way to achieve this may be to celebrate with a fresh-cut Christmas tree.

For many families, nothing means Christmas more than a decorated Christmas tree. Buying and decorating a fresh-cut tree can add fun to an already warm family celebration. This year, more than 36 million American families will celebrate the holidays with the fragrance and beauty of a real Christmas tree.

Several years ago, all Christmas trees were harvested from natural forest stands. As you can imagine, these wild trees were nothing like today's professionally grown Christmas trees.

Today, the growing process begins in the tree nurseries. At 2 years old, the seedlings are transplanted to Christmas tree farms.

And this is just the beginning. Christmas tree growing takes time, patience and coddling.

It takes approximately seven years for a tree to reach sale height — about 3½ feet. During all these years, the tree is constantly pruned and sheared into the perfect Christmas tree consumers have come to expect and demand.

To many families, nothing is more like Christmas than their traditional trip to a favorite Christmas tree farm to pre-tag or select a fresh-cut Christmas tree. Area tree farms, local lots and many Metro East stores and markets provide an excellent selection of pre-tagged, fresh-cut and live potted Christmas trees.

Consumers can find locally grown and fresh scotch and white pine, Colorado spruce and Fraser and Douglas fir. These top quality, beautiful holiday trees are excellent for fragrance, durability and needle retention — and they're even better for adding beauty to your holiday home.

While shopping for your special Christmas tree, look for the huge selection of real pine wreaths and roping to complete the festive look of your home.

After having selected your tree, know how to care for it.

1) Make sure your tree has a good supply of water. The National Christmas Tree Association says that fresh-cut trees "drink" up to a gallon of water their first 24 hours indoors.

2) Keep your tree away from heat sources (heat registers and fireplaces.)

3) Turn the tree lights (and other holiday lights) off when you leave the house or go to bed.

Want to give the environment a treat after the holidays? Just dispose of the family tree using one of these environmental friendly tips.

1) Set the tree outside and fill it with suet bells, popcorn and apple and orange slices. Watch the birds flock around it.

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2) Chip the trunk and branches. Use it for a mulch on your flower and vegetable gardens.

3) Sink the tree in a pond or a lake. It then becomes a home for the fish.

You can make your Christmas a real old-fashioned family event by shopping at your local Christmas tree farms, lots and markets.

Reindeer Forest, Brinks Christmas Tree Farm/Plantation, 61 W. Country Lane, Collinsville, 344-2798. Sales and pickup of pre-tagged trees beginning the day after Thanksgiving

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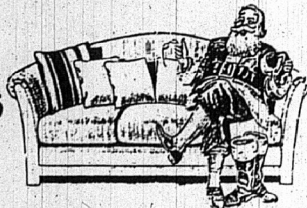
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## Childhood a difference

By Alene Hill  
Correspondent

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Margaret Ax recalls from St. Nicholas before Christmas — when he left orange on the table. She church on Christmas Eve family dinner on Christmas.

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Jean N. Busch, the dairy farmers, reminisce visits to her grandparents before Christmas and popcorn at the fireplace wire basket hung on a handle.

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But her fondest memories were of her grandfather, one Christmas surprised grandmother with some hand-made ornaments he crafted himself from hick nuts painted green and chinaberries gathered from native Arkansas.

Though Gladys Bauer's did not have a tree at home family enjoyed the decorations at the church, where visited, handing out peppercorns, apples and oranges. "Everything revolved around the church, every holiday explained about her traditions. "When I think Christmas, I think about little kid in church."

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# Pet gift certificates can be the purr-fect Christmas present

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

Looking for a different kind of Christmas present this year? The Madison County Humane Society may be able to help.

While the Marine Road shelter near Edwardsville usually has about three dozen pets to choose from, during the Christmas season the group highlights its sale of gift certificates.

"It lets the receiver pick out their own pet," said Pat Jones, MCHS shelter director. "Giving somebody a dog or cat for Christmas with so many other things going on is not really the ideal situation."

The shelter has a variety of dogs and cats to choose from, including many purebreds.

When selecting animals to make available for adoption, shelter officials consider not only

the animal's appearance but also its temperament and health, Jones said.

"We don't knowingly put out animals that are sick or that have behavior problems," Jones said.

While the MCHS has launched an early spay/neuter program, many of the animals at the shelter have already been altered.

Several cats available have also been declawed, Jones said.

Cat adopting costs \$20, while the price is \$40 for dogs.

The price includes a \$10 spay/neuter deposit, and low-cost spay/neutering is available at several veterinary clinics throughout the area.

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Pat Jones, shelter director, and Kathy Carrillo of the Madison County Humane Society with some very adoptable pets.

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Family and friends are a traditional part of Christmas festivities. For many of us, the ideal holiday celebration looks like a scene out of a Norman Rockwell painting, with several generations of family members enjoying one another's company.

In real life, it doesn't always work that way.

When we have to spend Christmas alone, it's only natural that we feel isolated, lonely and somewhat "down." Still, "alone" doesn't have to mean "lonely."

A lot of people find that keeping busy with holiday activities help them chase the blues away. Window shopping, doing volunteer work and preparing and mailing small gifts to faraway friends are some of the ways they can join in the spirit of the season.

Local religious organizations may also have events planned for those who will be alone during the holidays.

And don't overlook the possibility of spending a little extra time with friends or co-workers who are also spending the holiday time alone. You might invite a few of them to join you for dinner and a movie on Christmas day.

Cards and telephone calls can do a lot to help ease holiday loneliness.

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# Holiday food doesn't have to add up to more pounds

The following column is provided by the University of Illinois Extension Service.

From Thanksgiving to New Year's, holiday meals and special holiday foods continuously tempt those counting calories and watching their waistlines.

It seems as if there's no escape from your aunt's almond crescents, a co-worker's famed Christmas bread wreath and the next-door-neighbor's calories-laden eggnog.

Since these foods can't be avoided and are traditionally enjoyed as special holiday treats, moderate amounts of them can be included in your diet in a sensible way without resulting in a weight gain.

But you have to pay attention to avoid those extra pounds from creeping up during the holiday season.

Here are some tips for those who'd like to be a Scrooge when it comes to calories without offending holiday hosts.

➤ **AT HOME**, make only a few holiday treats that the family especially enjoys rather than a wide variety that can make temptation more torturous. Freeze these treats or store them in an inconvenient place so they aren't constantly beckoning those trying to avoid them. You may want to serve them only at special occasions or at specific times.

➤ **WHEN INVITED** out for holiday meals, don't feel obligated to eat a lot to show your appreciation for the invitation. Taste small amounts of special

foods and substitute verbal praise and appreciation for quantity food consumption.

Statements such as, "This is the best pie I've ever tasted, but I'm stuffed and can't eat another bite," repeated several times if necessary probably will do as much for your host's ego as eating another slice of that chocolate-nut tart topped with a small avalanche of whipped cream.

➤ **SHOW CONSIDERATION** for your own guests by providing some good but lower calorie

foods, as well as higher calorie treats for those who want them. Don't "push" foods.

Hungry guests will help themselves, and those trying to avoid overindulging will appreciate your understanding.

➤ **DON'T FORGET** that exercise is especially important to help keep your weight down at this time of year.

Brisk, bright days are especially good time for vigorous walks before the really cold weather sets in.

On holidays, exercise is far

better than seltzers or antacids to relieve the bloated feeling that often results from too much feasting.

Children, too, appreciate being taken out to play in a park or for a walk with aunts, uncles and grandparents. If the weather is not accommodating, try active games in a basement or family room.

Adults who know they won't want to exercise outdoors during colder months may want to invest in stationary bicycles or other indoor exercise equipment.

Children also may be fairly inactive during cold weather and may view indoor exercise equipment as "fun" if they're not forced to use it.

By eating in moderation and getting plenty of exercise, you can start 1993 without making a resolution to lose all the weight you piled on during the celebrations of previous weeks.

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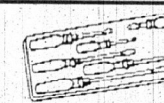
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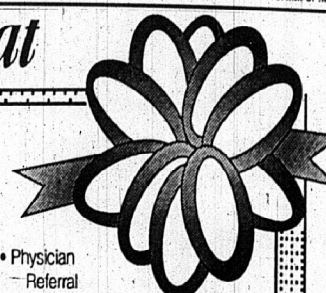
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# A good outlast

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

With the gift of a book, shoppers can give a present that will last beyond the holiday season.

"A book can stretch horizons — it can take you to other lands or other times," said Andi Romick-Allen, owner of Piece of Mind Books in Edwardsville.

Another plus for books is that they won't be the color or the wrong size, Romick-Allen said.

Romick-Allen said that should take time to pick a book that will appeal to the receiver. Below is a list of ideas from a variety of categories and in a wide spectrum of price ranges.

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## GIFT GUIDE

# Less can be more to children

(The following column is provided by the University of Illinois Extension Office.)

The Christmas shopping season is here, and toy companies are gearing up for their biggest advertising push of the year.

In just one Saturday morning of TV viewing, children may see more than 100 commercials aimed at them — and their parents' pocketbooks.

At this time of year, older children begin compiling long lists, while younger children wear out the carpet running to tell Mom or Dad about the neat toy Santa just has to bring. As parents, it's sometimes hard for us to help them develop realistic expectations about what the holidays bring.

On the one hand, we know that toys are important to children — they help them grow and develop and are often treasured by the child. On the other hand, many parents feel overwhelmed by the hard-sell at Christmas. They know the child's expectations can't possibly be met, but they find it hard to say "no" to the youngster.

Planning and talking with children can help prevent some of these problems.

Observe your children and talk with them about their interests before buying presents. Most of us can remember one Christmas when we were bitterly disappointed because the toy of our dreams didn't materialize. Too often, we disappoint children because we've failed to take the time to think about what they are really interested in.

It's equally important to discuss with children what the can realistically expect at Christmas. Perhaps you feel that one or two toys are as many as the child should receive, or your income may limit the types of toys you can provide. Children are less likely to be disappointed if they know ahead of time what

to expect.

Half of the excitement on Christmas morning is the suspense and fun of opening many brightly wrapped packages. You can still provide this excitement, even if you decide to limit toys you give.

Providing a stocking overflowing with nicely wrapped small items or homemade toys can give your child much pleasure. For older children, you may include fancy pencils or erasers, and inexpensive or homemade bookmarks, or a package of toothpicks and glue with which to build houses and villages.

For younger children, stocking stuffers may include a set of brightly colored jar lids that can be stacked, a homemade sock puppet, or a set of food coloring and an eyedropper for hours of fun making colors in the kitchen.

Parents can offset the glitter of toy advertisements by filing the weeks before Christmas with family activities.

When we involve children in these activities — baking and decorating, making homemade

cards for friends and relatives, singing songs as we trim the tree — they're less likely to have the time to watch the TV commercials that make them want more toys.

As adults look back on Christmases past, our fondest memories are usually of family activities like these. Holiday preparations give our families a chance to remember what the Christmas season is all about.

It is important, however, that parents plan these activities carefully so they are fun rather than stressful. The activities should be planned for a time when everyone is well-rested. They should be kept short so that children remain interested. And they should be activities that everyone involved will enjoy.

The main goal should be to have fun, not to get the cookies baked or the cards finished.

There's a lot to do at Christmas time, and we need to be careful to take care of the most important things first — like spending extra time with the family.

## Don't overlook pets during holiday activity

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

With all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it may be easy to overlook the needs of that furry household creature, the family pet.

Ledy VanKavage, president of the Madison County Humane Society, offers several tips to help pet owners to keep their pets safe during the holidays.

They include:

- When decorating the Christmas tree, try to avoid the use of breakable ornaments and do not use tinsel. VanKavage said the shiny decoration is particularly attractive to animals who not only like to play with it, but can eat it, too. Breakable ornaments can pose a dual hazard, getting into animals' paws or by being ingested.

- Christmas tree light cords can also prove hazardous if the animal chews them. To avoid danger, reprimand the animal for approaching the tree. VanKavage suggests using a squirt bottle to deter animals, particularly cats. When not at home be sure to unplug the tree.

- Several plants, including holly berries and poinsettias, are poisonous. Keep these in a separate room away from pets or safely out of reach.

- When using a live tree, keep the water base covered either with a tree skirt or with foil. Preservative chemicals and tree sap can prove fatal if ingested.

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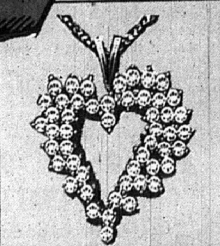
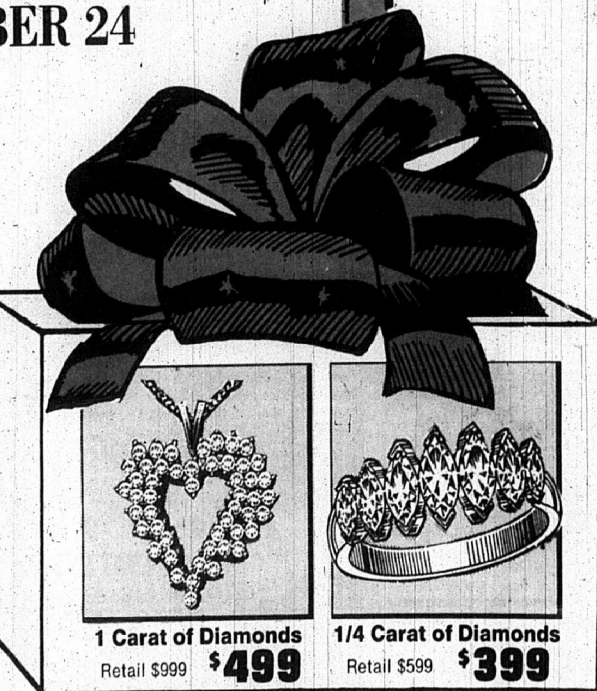
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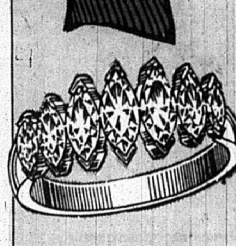
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# 'Alone' star Macaulay Culkin: 'A real kid'

By Harry Haman  
Correspondent

These days you might think 11-year-old Macaulay Culkin would be most anxious to talk about his new film, "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York."

Well, think again. Like any red-blooded kid his age, Culkin is more interested in the really important things in life, like his new bearded collie puppy, "Bishop," and the fact that last Halloween, he won a prize at school for dressing like a nun on Rollerblades.

Then there's the little matter of Culkin's close personal friend, Michael Jackson.

Culkin says he and Jackson like to visit Toys R Us together. "It's not like we just grab everything we see," Culkin said. "But if we see something we really want, Michael buys it."

"Michael is a lot like me," Culkin said. "He likes water balloon fights, video games, drawing pictures and things that go real fast."

Culkin's payday as an actor has not exactly been standing still. He is being paid a reported \$5.5 million for "Home Alone 2."

Culkin says he still doesn't get any lavish gifts or special treatment at home, although he said his family just moved to a new town house in New York that was much bigger than their previous apartment.

"It's so big that I can take my dog for a walk, and not have to go outside," Culkin boasted.

"Home Alone 2" director Chris Columbus says working with the ever-popular young actor can



Kevin McCallister (Macaulay Culkin) is back, and this time he has all of New York City for his playground, in "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York."

sometimes be hazardous. Columbus said prior to shooting a scene outside Rockefeller Center, he helped Culkin—known as "Mac" on the set—rehearse his lines inside the young star's trailer.

"Mac's name was on the door," Columbus said, "so a crowd formed around the trailer and they started shaking it from side to side so he'd come out and sign autographs. We had to

call security. It was scary."

Hughes says he met Culkin on the set of "Uncle Buck."

"He's a real kid," Hughes said. "Some people have a natural charm, and he certainly has."

Culkin's next film, is called "The Good Son" and goes into production soon.

Says Culkin, "Everyone will assume I play the good son. Actually, I play a kid that every-

body thinks is good, but once their backs are turned, watch out."

And in case you had any doubts, producer Hughes says there are plans for a "Home Alone 3," although he admits it will most likely be the last in the series.

Says Hughes, "Just how many times can you lose one kid? I can see it now. 'Home Alone 26: Lost Forever.'"



The Wet Bandits, Mary (Daniel Stern, left) and Harry (Joe Pesci) once again do battle with Kevin McCallister (Macaulay Culkin), in "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York."

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fame plays a bellman. There are cameo appearances by Ally Sheedy, Rip Taylor, Jimmie Walker, Donald Trump; the film's director, Chris Columbus; and others.

Unlike the original, "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" has little to offer in the way of charm and holiday spirit. Macaulay Culkin seems to be just reading his lines.

"Home Alone 2" does provide a ton of giggles in the kids vs. thugs action as Kevin gets the best of Mary and Harry. Daniel

Stern is especially good in this sequel and seems to have been given a lot more to do.

The original "Home Alone" was such a good picture it developed a life of its own. "Home Alone 2" is just a lively shadow of the original. It is too much a rework and displays very little heart. However, there will be very few kids, if not adults, who won't think they got their money's worth.

Rated PG (mild violence). Running time: 116 minutes.

# White Zombie members don't want to be typecast

By Alan Sculley  
Correspondent

Rob Zombie, singer for the band White Zombie, knows a few things about first impressions and what they can do to create a misdirected image of a band.

Take, for example, the reaction of some record retailers to White Zombie's most recent CD, its tongue-in-cheek title, "La Sexorcisto: Devil Music Vol. 1," coupled with the group's rather wild look, prompted some skittish stores to refuse to stock the record when it was released last spring.

"I knew that no one at those stores had actually listened to the record," Zombie said. "They just sort of looked at it and saw the title and it's like, oh, we can't sell that. And it's just like, whatever, how stupid."

Outside impressions also did the band few favors when it came to video play for songs from "La Sexorcisto." White Zombie was immediately typecast as heavy metal, a description Zombie considers too narrow for the group's strungy brand of guitar rock.

We don't think of it as a heavy metal band," he said. "It seems like once you play at a certain volume, you're all of a sudden a heavy metal band or something because there's nowhere else to go."

And certain things these days, like MTV really makes it like two types of music in this world, there's alternative and there's heavy metal," he said. "If you're not alternative, you're heavy metal. That's it."

Such annoyances aside, things have actually been going well of late for White Zombie, which also includes bassist Sean Yseult, guitarist J. (full name Jay Yuenger) and drummer Phil Buerstette. The band has been opening shows for Danzig and Pantera, and recently "La Sexorcisto" has been getting a second wind.

"It's funny, it's selling more now than when it first came out," Zombie said. "It's kind of cool because it's been out for like eight months, and you'd think that by now maybe it would be winding down. And it just seems to be picking up."

The continued success of "La Sexorcisto," Zombie said, is a welcome development for a band that endured some lean times while building an audience the hard way, show by show and tour by tour.

Formed by Zombie and Yseult in New York City in 1985, White Zombie found itself caught in no-band's land between the city's heavy metal and hard core rock scenes.

"Yeah, we never really found a niche," he said. "We kind of floated back and forth between all of them for a while." Zombie said. "It seemed like no matter where we were playing, whatever bands we were playing with, it didn't work."

But with the help of a self-released 1987 mini-album called "Psycho Head Blowout," the original group did manage to include a different drummer.

and guitarist, slowly began to build momentum.

Later that year, the group released a second album, "Soul-Crusher," which generated enough positive press, and college radio play to earn White Zombie a deal with the independent label, Caroline Records.

Caroline re-released "Soul-Crusher" in 1988 and the band's 1989 album, "Make Them Die Slowly."

The opportunity in 1991 to step up to major label Geffen Records, however, caught the band members off guard.

Zombie said, "I'm not sure how it all started," he said. "We went to Europe and toured for a little bit. When we came back, I don't know if it was because they take European press more seriously or something, we just started getting calls from different labels. Like all of a sudden we got like four or five different calls."

"And then after we started talking to people, like so many labels, they just will sign anybody just because someone else looked like they were going to sign them," he said. "The Geffen thing was the only one that seemed like it was for real."

Armed with the extra time and recording budget that comes with a major label deal, Zombie said White Zombie was able to come closer than ever to making the kind of record the band wanted on "La Sexorcisto."

"On the first records, if something sounded like we knew we hated it at the time, there was just not enough time or money to do it again," Zombie said. "We just had to live with it, which is like, you know, you never can. If you hate it, you hate it. Ten years later I still hate it. It drives me nuts when I hear it."

White Zombie has two St. Louis concert bookings. On Nov. 25, the band opens for Danzig at the American Theatre. Tickets are \$15.50. On Dec. 11, the band opens for Pantera. Tickets for this 8 p.m. show at the American are \$17.50 in advance, \$19.50 of show.

# Sequel lacks heart of the original

By Harry Haman  
Correspondent

John Hughes, writer and producer of 1990's \$285 million hit "Home Alone," has taken great pains to assemble the same team for "Home Alone 2." The second offering will pack in the kids, but is too derivative of the first effort to be anything but boring for anyone over the age of 12.

What works best in "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" is the final "battle" scene between Macaulay Culkin, as Kevin, and Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern as Harry and Mary, respectively, the infamous Wet Bandits. It takes place in a three-story brownstone in New York that is being renovated. Director Freddie Rhee, who choreographed the "battle" scenes in the first picture, has outdone himself. Children will go crazy during this 20-minute exercise in slapstick cartoon violence.

As "Home Alone 2" begins, it's a few days before Christmas and the McCallister clan is ready for a holiday trip to Florida. They oversleep (again) the morning of the flight and Kevin gets separated from the family at Chicago's O'Hare Airport during another frantic scramble for the departure gate.

The family ends up in Miami, where it won't stop raining. Kevin ends up in New York, where the sun is shining. He just happens to have his dad's carry-on bag, which contains a "small" horde of cash and a credit card. Kevin checks into the Plaza

Hotel and starts to live the good life. While cavorting around the Big Apple, however, he runs into Mary and Harry who have escaped a prison in Illinois and are looking for a big score in New York. When they spot Kevin, the chase is on.

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